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SUBJECT: HONDURAS/ SALVADOR DISPUTE - PRESENTATIONS TO
COMMITTEE OF SEVEN

REF: TEGUC 1641, STATE 60875

SUMMARY: YOUR INFO THAT BORGONOVO HAS SUBMITTED WRITTEN
RESPONSE TO BATRES STATEMENT IS CORRECT, ALTHOUGH ITS
CHARACTER WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE SO TROUBLESOME AS SUG-
GESTED BY FONMIN SOURCE. END SUMMARY

1. AS REPORTED TO YOU BY FONMIN SOURCE, SALVADOR'S AMB.
RIVERA HAS TRANSMITTED TO COMMITTEE OF SEVEN WHAT AMOUNTS
TO BORGONOVO RESPONSE TO BATRES' DETAILED PRESENTATION
BEFORE COMMITTEE APRIL 2. (FYI WE UNDERSTAND BORGONOVO
WAS A BIT CHAGRINED AT THOROUGHNESS OF HONDURAN PREPARA-
TIONS FOR THAT MEETING AND DECIDED THEREFORE TO SUPPLEMENT
HIS OWN MEAGRE ORAL PRESENTATION WITH A WRITTEN ONE, ADDING
SOME COMMENTS ON BATRES' STATEMENTS. END FYI.)

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2. FOLLOWING IS PORTION OF BORGONOVO STATEMENT CONCERNING ANTIGUA MEETINGS WHICH EVIDENTLY CAUSED PROBLEMS FOR YOUR SOURCE (COMPLETE TEXT HAS BEEN POUCHED TO BOTH EMBASSIES):

3. QTE POSTERIORMENTE A LAS REUNIONES DEL GRUPO BILATERAL DE TRABAJO, SE HAN CELEBRADO CONVERSACIONES INFORMALES ENTRE EL SALVADOR Y HONDURAS CON EL PROPOSITO DE LLEGAR A UN ACUERDO QUE PONGA TERMINO AL DIFERENDO.

4. QTE ESAS CONVERSACIONES INFORMALES HAN PROSEGUIDO HASTA HOY, Y ES DE ESPERARSE QUE CONTINUEN SI TAL ES LA VOLUNTAD CONCURRENTES DEL GOBIERNO DE HONDURAS. LAS CONVERSACIONES HAN CONTRIBUIDO A DISMINUIR LA TENSION, Y POR TANTO HAN SIDO BENEFICAS PARA LA PACIFICACION. ESE HA SIDO SU RESULTADO POSITIVO.

5. QTE EN UN AMBIENTE MUY INFORMAL, EN CARACTER PURAMENTE OFICIOSO, HAN VENIDO CELEBRANDOSE ESAS PLATICAS QUE HAN TENIDO Y SEGUIRAN TENIENDO, MIENTRAS NO SE FORMALICEN, INTENCION EXPLORATORIA. EL SALVADOR, POR CONSIGUIENTE, NO SACA DE ELLAS CONCLUSION ALGUNA EN CUANTO A LA NATURALEZA Y CUANTIA DE LOS OBJETOS DE LOS DIFERENDOS. AUN QUE HONDURAS HA SACADO CONCLUSIONES DISTINTAS SEGUN APARECE EN EL INFORME PRESENTADO A LA HONORABLE COMISION, LAS PLATICAS NO SE HAN REDUCIDO AL EXAMEN DE LA DEMARCACION DE LA FRONTERA, NI HAN REPRESENTADO EL PLANTEAMIENTO DEFINITIVO EN CUESTION, NI EN CUANTO A TESIS JURIDICA Y RECLAMOS, NI A IDENTIFICACION Y CUALIFICACION DEL OBJETO U OBJETOS DE LA CONTROVERSIA.

6. QTE EL SALVADOR ESTA PRESTO A DESIGNAR REPRESENTANTES Y FORMALIZAR LAS PLATICAS EN CUANTO DE LAS CONVERSACIONES EXPLORATORIAS SE DESPRENDA QUE HAY BUENOS ELEMENTOS DE JUICIO PARA ESPERAR QUE SE PUEDA ALCANZAR UN ARREGLO MUTUAMENTE ACEPTABLE. END QTE.

7. COMMENT: COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF DRAFTING ITS REPORT TO MFM ON OUTCOME OF APRIL MEETINGS WITH FONMINS-- A PROCESS SOMEWHAT RETARDED BY OTHER POST-ASSEMBLY LABORS. IT HAS TAKEN NO SUBSTANTIVE ACTION NOR EVEN SERIOUSLY DISCUSSED STATEMENTS OF EITHER
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GOVERNMENT, BEYOND THAT REPORTED STATE REFTEL. REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY OF THOSE STATEMENTS, COMMITTEE ROUTINELY TREATS SUCH DOCUMENTS AS " RESTRICTED" IN THE SENSE THEY ARE NOT DISTRIBUTED NOR PUBLISHED IN REGULAR OAS SERIES-- BUT, OF COURSE, OAS SECRETARIAT LEAKS LIKE A SEIVE AND BOTH HONDURAN AND SALVADORAN REPS WELL AWARE OF THIS.

8. AMB. JOVA SAW BATRES BY CHANCE IN NEW ORLEANS LAST WEEKEND. BATRES DID NOT SHOW ANY DISCONTENT WITH SALVADORAN ATTITUDE. IN FACT, HIS ONLY CONCERN SEEMED TO BE THAT COMMITTEE OF SEVEN HAD NOT GIVEN A PUSH TO TWO GOVTS TO ACCELERATE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS. BATRES SAID HE AND BORGONOVO HAD AGREED THAT SUCH " INCENTIVE" WAS NEEDED FOR MUTUAL FACE- SAVING. SEVILLA- SACASA NOW TELLS US HE WILL CONVOKE MEETING OF COMMITTEE, WHICH MAY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS. ROGERS

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